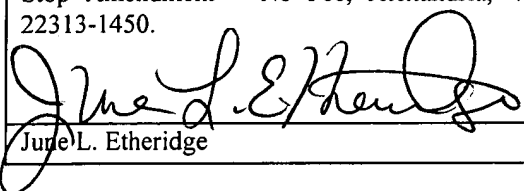


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Dear Sir:

In response to the July 2, 2003 restriction requirement in the above-identified application, Applicant elects the claims falling within Group I, namely claims 1-12.

REMARKS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853 during the pendency of prosecution of this application. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for the Deposit Account, should it be needed.

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